



Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2018

Room 326, City/County Building

12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and led introductions.

Members included: Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Curt Chisholm, John Wilkinson, Jonathan Jackson, Kiley Gage, Kim Leighton, Marshall Gingery, Moffie Funk, Ruthie Hill, Dennis Taylor, and Teresa Charlton.

Others in attendance: Kellie McBride, Jocelyn Olsen, and Trina Filan.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2018, minutes were approved as presented.

3. Review and Approval of Bylaws for the CAC

Curt Chisholm presented the drafted Bylaws and led discussion regarding Article IV, Section A. Abigail St. Lawrence stated that it would be important for the CAC to have the ability to bring in new people as members to avoid a stagnant council and suggested term limits.

Abigail St. Lawrence moved to approve the drafted Bylaws. Marshall Gingery seconded that motion and the motion carried.

St. Lawrence moved to make an amendment to Article IV, Section A to state, "Each July, the Chair of the CJCC shall nominate these members to serve a one year term, renewable for up to six (6) years." Marshall Gingery seconded that motion and the motion carried.

Curt Chisholm stated the CAC Bylaws are not retroactive and will go in to effect July 1, 2018.

ACTION ITEM: Jocelyn Olsen will add the amendment to the original draft of the CAC Bylaws. Curt Chisholm will write a letter to all CAC members to ensure the amendment to terms and the attendance policy is known.

4. Restorative Justice & Court Services Department Operations Report – Kellie McBride

Pretrial Services is currently serving over 70 clients. A brief description was given

regarding how services are provided and the involvement from the Municipal and Justice Court judges. There was discussion on the correlation between Pretrial Services and the jail population; large number of individuals in the jail are under supervision of the Department of Corrections, therefore do not qualify for Pretrial Services. A question also arose regarding arrest rates and how these numbers are affecting the jail population.

ACTION ITEM: Kellie McBride will determine arrest rates and put together a dashboard of statistical information to present to the CJCC and CAC each meeting.

Discussion arose regarding a State meeting attended by John Wilkinson in which the Department of Corrections stated that they are getting people transferred out of county jails, however, Lewis and Clark County Detention Center is not seeing this trend. Consequently, our jail population is primarily filled with individuals under Department of Corrections Probation and Parole and these inmates do not qualify for Pretrial Services.

Kiley Gage shared frustration that the Lewis and Clark county Detention Center jail roster is not updated regularly.

ACTION ITEM: Kellie McBride will place a call to the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center to determine why the inmate roster is not being updated regularly.

Lewis and Clark County and the United Way have drafted a contract that will go before the Board of County Commissioners on July 10, 2018 to fund coordination of the Early Childhood Coalition and research of best practices for criminal justice system prevention among children ages 0-3.

There were three (3) responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding data systems. A panel will review the three responses to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The panel includes: Jon Jackson, Kellie McBride, Jocelyn Olsen, and a representative from the Sheriff's Department.

Jadin VanSteenmort is working full-time as the mental healthcare provider in the jail. Kellie McBride met with Broadwater Hospital about offering their detox services to those who have Medicaid, however, they declined because reimbursement only covers about a third of the overall cost. St. Peter's Hospital and PureView do not provide medically assisted detox, yet PureView provides medically assisted treatment. Abigail St. Lawrence suggested that the county review the Longsoldier case out of Blaine County regarding medically assisted detox.

ACTION ITEM: Kellie McBride will speak with Jadin to determine if he completes chemical dependency evaluations in the jail.

5. County Adoption of Jail Standards Status Report

The county jail standards are currently under review of the deputy county attorney. Following this review, the Sheriff's Office will submit the final jail standards to the County Commissioners for concurrence.

6. Sub-committee on Reentry Issues Report – Kiley Gage

Kiley Gage reported that the sub-committee members met with Moe from the Helena Community Offender Reentry Program (HCORP) to learn more about the Program. The sub-committee will continue to meet with stakeholders in the community.

ACTION ITEM: Kiley Gage will provide agendas and minutes for the sub-committee meetings so they can be posted on the website.

7. Status Report on RFP for Criminal Justice Data Collection, Analysis, Recommendations, and Plans

Previously discussed in point 4.

8. Discussion on “Handle with Care”

Curt Chisholm explained that Helena Police Department is saying they do not want to enact “Handle with Care” because both the city and county attorneys state it is against the law. CAC will need to develop a sub-committee to focus on this issue.

Abigail St. Lawrence stated she would speak with the Lake County Attorney to discuss how “Handle with Care” is functioning there. She also stated she would meet with the Lewis and Clark County Attorney to discuss the legalities of this program. Curt Chisholm stated there needs to be direct contact with Helena School District to ensure their written commitment to this new program as well.

ACTION ITEM: Kellie McBride will connect Abigail St. Lawrence to the Lake County Attorney. Curt Chisholm will send out emails to set up meetings regarding “Handle with Care” for him and Abigail St. Lawrence to attend.

9. Public Comment

Trina Filan from the United Way stated that the new CEO of St. Peter’s Hospital, Wade Johnson, is already having discussions regarding a grant called Housing and Healthcare; suggested that medical detox be brought into that conversation.

Abigail St. Lawrence suggested that the CAC have written reports available before meetings so that meeting time can be dedicated to discussion.

Curt Chisholm stated that Captain of the jail, Alan Hughes, is attending further training and Sgt. Scott Ferguson will be taking over while he is away.

10. Next Meeting: July 27, 2018

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes approved 9/28/2018.